

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

It is an object of the present invention to provide an apparatus not causing inconsistency between the original picture and the image for performing the operations even under the special playback mode. A transport stream from a receiver 34 is supplied to a converter 36. The converter 36 generates a data stream for normal playback. If a desired service contains control data for interactive operations, a data stream for normal playback containing the control data is generated. Also, selecting packets required for performing special playback generate a data stream for special playback. None of the control data is contained in the stream for special playback. Both the stream for normal playback and the stream for special playback are recorded on a recording medium 44. In the normal playback mode, reproduction under interactive manner is performed in accordance with the control data for interactive operation. No inconsistency is produced between the original picture and the image for performing the operations because none of the image for interactive operations is displayed.